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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Preliminary Assessment of Mission 1039-2, 28 February-5 March 1967

1. Mission 1039-2 is the second of a two part KH-4 operation. Only a few items of significance have come out of the mission although work continues on the ICBM and ABM search areas.

Possible Deployment of Chinese Missile Patrol Boats to Hainan

2. Two boats seen at a small naval base on the Tonkin Gulf side of Hainan Island have been identified as possible Osa-class guided missile patrol craft. If confirmed, this is the farthest south Chinese guided missile boats have been deployed. The photography was of poor quality and identification was based only on a similiarity in length and some indication of missile launch tubes. The boats could be conventional patrol craft partially covered by canvas.

ICBM Deployment

3. Seven of the 25 ICBM complexes were covered by usable photography. Eight large and seven small single silos were found. Six of the large silos make up the entire sixth group at the Dombarovskiy complex. The other two were found at Kartaly. Four of the small silos are in a new fifth group at the Svobodnyy complex and the remaining silos were at Perm. The new silos raise the count of large single silos to 176 and the total of small silos to 455.

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4. The suspect ICBM complex at Zolari was covered although snow and clouds prevented an assessment of the activity previously seen in this area. Those areas that were visable showed little if any change. The general impression is that large single silos probably are not being deployed to this area although deployment of small single silos cannot entirely be discounted.

Soviet and Chinese Missile Ranges

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Both of the pads at launch areas G3/4
were empty on 1 March although the gantry was on
G3 on 28 February. There was no evidence of preparations for Cosmos 146 which was launched on 10 March and probably used the SL-9 space booster, possibly with a third stage. These two pads were used for four previous launches of the SL-9 space vehicle.

6. The Chinese missile range at Shuang-chengtzu was also photographed but no changes were noted 25X1

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